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### **Worthington man sentenced for distributing methamphetamine**

The possession and distribution of the dangerous and addictive drug methamphetamine is a growing concern among the law enforcement community, and a 22-year-old Worthington man was sentenced this week in federal court in Minneapolis on such a charge.

On June 3 United States District Court Judge Ann Montgomery sentenced Victoriano Barbosa-Leyva to 60 months imprisonment and three years of supervised release on one count of distribution of methamphetamine. Barbosa-Leyva was indicted on Nov. 14, 2007, and pleaded guilty on Jan. 29.

According to his plea agreement, Barbosa-Leyva knowingly and intentionally distributed approximately 19 grams of the highly addictive and dangerous drug, methamphetamine on Oct. 21, 2005.

Methamphetamine is one of the most popular illegal drugs in Minnesota, according to the Hazelden Foundation. In 2006, methamphetamine addiction accounted for 8 percent of treatment admissions in the Twin Cities, and 480 methamphetamine-related hospital emergency department episodes were reported in the Twin Cities.

This case was the result of an investigation by the Central Minnesota Drug Task Force and the Todd County Sheriff's Office, and was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Tracy L. Perzel.